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RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIVISION

CHAPTER 40-13-14 DOG AND CAT STERILIZATION PROGRAM

40-13-14.01 Eligibility

(1) The veterinarian that performs a procedure utilizing the Dog and Cat Sterilization Program must be licensed by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine and accredited by the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture.

(2) The veterinarian must request financial assistance in writing or by facsimile or electronic mail from the Georgia Department of Agriculture prior to performing a procedure. If funds are available, the veterinarian will receive written approval from the Department to perform each procedure.

(3) The veterinarian must perform all surgical procedures using acceptable standards of care.

(4) Both the animal and owner must reside in Georgia in order for the veterinarian to perform a procedure utilizing the Dog and Cat Sterilization Program.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 4-15-1, effective Oct 17, 2003

40-13-14.02 Distribution of Dog and Cat Sterilization Funds

(1) Each licensed and accredited veterinarian in Georgia who practices at least 40 hours per week may apply to perform a maximum of five procedures per month. Licensed and accredited veterinarians who practice less than forty hours per week may be approved for fewer than five procedures per month.

(2) The veterinarian must inform the owner or agent in writing of any additional procedures with additional charges (i.e. vaccinations, laboratory services, pain medication, etc.).

(3) The following two forms must be received by the Georgia Department of Agriculture in order to disperse funds for sterilization procedures.

(a) "Veterinarian's Application for Financial Assistance from the Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund"

(b) "Owner/Client Verification of Surgical Procedures Performed with Financial Assistance from the Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund" must be received within 30 days of the date of approval of the "Veterinarian's Application for Financial Assistance from the Dog and Cat Sterilization Fund."

(4) Financial assistance for sterilization procedures shall be:

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| (a) feline castration | \$35.00 |
| (b) feline ovariohysterectomy | \$45.00 |
| (c) canine castration | \$55.00 |
| (d) canine ovariohysterectomy | \$65.00 |

The veterinarian shall inform the client in writing of the non-subsidized part of the sterilization fee for which the client shall be responsible.

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